

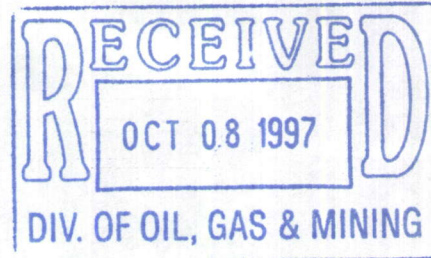
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Mr. Richard D. Beckstead
Chemical Lime Company
P.O. Box 537
Grantsville, UT 84029

Dear Mr. Beckstead:

On September 30, 1997 we received your Plan of Operations for milling and stockpiling activities on your Dolomite 1-3, 10-12, and 23-26 millsite claims located in T. 1 S., R. 7 W., Section 25.

We cannot accept your Plan of Operations as complete until you provide this office with the following additional information:

1. For purposes of illustration, you have separated your proposed waste and stockpile sites into two areas, 1) a "waste lime area" and 2) a "proposed waste rock area". On your submitted map, you show the location of the "waste lime area", but fail to show the precise location of the existing access road, or a calculation of the total acreage disturbed (including berms, cut-and-fills, etc.), during the construction of this unauthorized road. Please submit a map that shows the location of this access road, and include the total acreage disturbed.

On your submitted map, you also show a "proposed waste rock area", and indicate in the narrative that Chemical Lime intends to construct an access road 20 to 30 feet wide for about 0.15 miles onto the Dolomite millsites 23-26. Please submit a map that shows the location of the proposed access road. In addition, the proposed route for the access road must be flagged, so that Salt Lake District personnel can examine the route for cultural and biological clearances.

2. On your submitted map, in the "proposed waste rock area", you indicate that the site will cover an area 21.7 acres in size. The entire perimeter boundary of these millsites must be flagged so that Salt Lake District personnel can examine the ground for

cultural and biological clearances. If you do not plan to disturb the entire 21.7 acre area, please provide a plat map showing the precise location of all of your proposed waste stockpiles, access road(s), fuel storage area(s), water tank area(s), etc., if applicable. You will also need to indicate the total acreage proposed for disturbance in this area, if less than 21.7 acres. If the access route into this area (described above) is included in the 21.7 acres of proposed surface disturbance, it will not need to be flagged separately.

3. Because your existing Reclamation Contract with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining was prepared in 1993, does not likely include an estimate of reclamation costs for the newly proposed 32.9 acres of surface disturbance, and does not include evidence that a surety bond is in existence for the newly proposed activities, you must comply with a March 31, 1997 final rule which was published in the Federal Register. This rule amends the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809. This rule requires submission of financial guarantees for reclamation of all hardrock mining operations greater than casual use. For all operators, the final rule also requires the following:

The bond amount must be no less than 100 percent of the estimated costs to reclaim the land disturbed. The bond is required to be for an amount the greater of 100 percent of the cost to reclaim the disturbed area, or \$2,000.00 per acre for Plans of Operation.

All bonds submitted directly to, or certified to the BLM, must be accompanied by a third-party Professional Engineer's (PE) certification of the reclamation costs.

Please provide the requested information within 30 days of receipt of this letter, or we will consider your Plan of Operations to be withdrawn, and will expect the site to be reclaimed to the standards described at 43 CFR 3809.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact Michael Ford of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

/s/ Margaret Wyatt

Area Manager

cc: D. Wayne Hedberg, UDOGM